

California Department of Veterans Affairs
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC)
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Debor Untal, Connie Petersen, Kevin Johnson, Debra Lehr, Angie Reimer and Diane Domino

Non-Voting Members present: Stacey Frank, Jacquie Ruiz

Absent: Sue Rose-Wilson, Stewart Mackenzie, Bonnie Kelly, Rosemarie Rojas, John Smith, Janelle Anderson, Julie Bash and Patricia Reeder

Date: August 15, 2007

Time: 2:34 P.M.

Place: Executive Conference Room / Video

AGENDA ITEM/SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION/REVIEW DATE
OPENING REMARKS Overall accepted that introductions were not necessary.		
1. EEO a. News or updates -	None.	Sue to provide news or an update at the September DAC meeting, 9/19/07.
2. Cookbook Project Status a. Cancel b. Continue c. Money received?	<p>The committee was asked to reiterate their ideas for the feasibility, articulate the concerns or reasons for whether the cookbook project would or would not be pursued. The responses from members present were basically – there is still not much enthusiasm, currently not enough resources and time to have the project ready for sale by October Kick-off. It was decided to revisit the idea of using the Cookbook at the December 2007 meeting. Some possible ideas were Cookbooks on Consignment, Easter or Mothers Day fundraising events. It was agreed the project would not be cancelled prior to further consideration in Dec. 07.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that the DAC Committee received a \$50 check for 5 cookbooks. It was decided that the decision to either return or hold the check for a future cookbook project would be made at December 07 meeting. We will continue to receive recipes until the decision is made to cancel the cookbook idea. It was noted that approximately 30 recipes have been received - 500 recipes is a basic desired number that would be needed.</p> <p>None of the members present had received a copy of a “donation letter” from Chula Vista, which have been successful for fundraising at Chula Vista.</p>	<p>Debor will follow-up with John Smith at CV to get a copy of a successful donation letter that was discussed at the July 18, 2007 Meeting.</p>
3. Dates for Fundraising Events a. Hot Dog Sale b. Bake Sale	The Hot Dog Sale planned for 8/11, moved to 8/17 was eventually cancelled due to legal concerns related to CDVA’s liability with contracting with an outside vendor. Due to unexpected problems it was agreed the	Debor will discuss with Sue the idea of having representation from the Legal and Procurement offices to possibly begin attending our

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Sandwich Sale d. Root Beer Float Sale 	<p>committee would benefit from a Legal and Procurement office advisor or representative at our next meeting, to avoid unknown legal and logistical problems.</p> <p>It was agreed the Bake Sale would be the next fundraiser on 8/30 - Debor agreed to take the lead but will coordinate with Bonnie Kelly; the next fundraiser will be a Nachos Sale on 9/12 - Kevin will lead, Stacy and Debra will help; prices will be \$3.50 for cheese only nachos or \$5 for the works - including all items on nachos and soda; a Sandwich Sale is planned for 9/19 and presale tickets are the plan. Other ideas for fundraisers were Salsa and Chili contests.</p>	DAC meetings.
<p>4. "Hiring a Disabled Veteran"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request our department's HR position on this issue b. Find out how other State agencies comply with Governor's agenda 	<p>Debor will talk with Sue to get more information about hiring disabled veterans.</p>	
<p>5. Vendor Status for October Awareness Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request PAO for advertisement assistance b. Plans for Kick-Off Day 10/13/07 c. Flyers or Posters? 	<p>We will check with Sue to find out if we are coordinating or working with the State's Disability efforts in any way and whether there are related flyers and/or posters available that can be used by CDVA.</p> <p>It was suggested that we would need a hearing interpreter for our Kick-off Event on 10/3.</p> <p>Sue and Stuart are working with previous vendors that participated at last year's CDVA Awareness Events.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that the Dog and Pony Show could be planned as a Dog and Pony show with Gypsy Banner Horses – a whole production; or a basic show. The decision and any further discussion re feasibility etc., was tabled to the September 07 meeting.</p> <p>Disability Awareness events are planned at the VHC – Barstow. The DAC at Headquarters will be given the dates and events planned as soon as possible; and we will forward any available flyers or posters we have to each Home.</p>	<p>Debor will check with Sue and Stuart regarding the status of vendors attending the October Kick-off at our September 07 Meeting.</p> <p>By the September meeting we should have the complete list of events and vendors that are scheduled respectively each week in October.</p>
<p>6. DAC Newsletter for August Column – "Hidden Disabilities"</p>	<p>"Hidden Disabilities" was accepted as the title for the Monthly column in the August Newsletter.</p>	

7. Roundtable - comments	<p>The committee was asked to spread the word for the bake sale and fundraising upcoming activities.</p> <p>It was specifically suggested that a veteran w/ a disability tell his/her story at the kick-off on 10/3.</p>	
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Meeting adjourned 3:44PM. Next meeting: September 19, 2007, 2:30PM.

Diane Domino, Executive Secretary, Veterans Homes Division
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